

~~an input unit for operating the system;~~

~~a display unit;]~~

~~[a] at least one unit for generating source data in the form of audio data;~~

~~an amplifier unit for amplifying the source data;~~

~~at least one speaker; [and]~~

~~a display unit;~~

~~an input unit for operating the sound system; and~~

~~a bus system assuring transmission among said individual units of the source data and control data for controlling said units;~~

~~said units being spaced apart from each other and at least a given one of said units other than said control unit having an associated memory representing a functional scope of said at least one given unit defining a variety of functions of said at least one given unit, said functional scope to be transmitted through said bus system to said control unit, and said transmitted functional scope to be used in said control unit at~~

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Sub C4 Claim 20 (amended). A sound system for a house or an apartment, comprising:

a control unit;

[an input unit for operating the system;

a display unit;]

as [a] at least one unit for generating source data in the form of audio data;

an amplifier unit for amplifying the source data;

at least one speaker; [and]

a display unit;

an input unit for operating the sound system; and

a bus system assuring transmission among said individual units of the source data and control data for controlling said units;

said units being spaced apart from each other and at least a given one of said units other than said control unit having an associated memory representing a functional scope of said at least one given unit defining a variety of functions of said at least one given unit, said functional scope to be transmitted through said bus system to said control unit, and said transmitted functional scope to be used in said control unit at least partially for forming a functional scope of the entire system.

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Claim 21 (amended). A method for defining a functional scope of a sound system, which comprises:

providing a control unit, [an input unit for operating the system, a display unit, a] at least one unit for generating source data in the form of audio data, an amplifier unit for amplifying the source data, at least one speaker, a display unit, an input unit for operating the sound system, and a bus system assuring transmission among the individual units of the source data and control data for controlling the units;

providing the units spaced apart from each other and providing at least a given one of the units other than the control unit with an associated memory representing a unit-specific functional scope of the at least one given unit defining a variety of functions of the at least one given unit;